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Why has being responsible inhabitants of the planet become political?



Florida turns its back on climate change



Ironic given Florida is #3 in solar deployment.

Florida illustrates the challenges to achieving net-zero… and the flaws in the approach



- Gov. Ron DeSantis signed legislation eliminating climate change as a factor in forming state policy.
- It also bans offshore wind and promotes the expansion of natural gas.
- DeSantis described the bill as restoring "sanity" and rejecting "the agenda of the radical green zealots."

Hey Ron – have you checked the weather trends in your state lately?



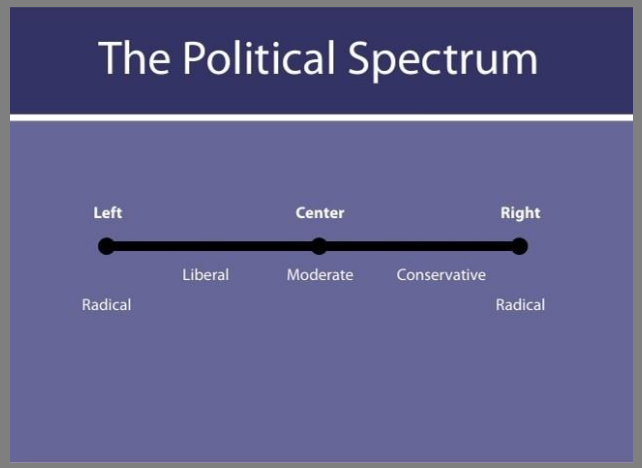
In 2022 Gov. DeSantis created a task force to address the state's algal bloom (red tide)crisis.

It concluded it will likely worsen due to population growth and guess what – climate change.

Florida is one state most impacted by the changing climate



- The heat index in Key West hit a record 115°F this week.
- Last year was the hottest in Florida since 1895.
- Risk of floods and extreme weather has caused major insurers to leave the state.
- Not to mention rising ocean temps and dying coral reefs.



Most people are in the middle, but the political process has been hijacked by extreme elements on both sides.

The answer to extremism is not to be extreme in the other direction



- Extreme views on both sides are counterproductive.
- They only serves to waste time and resources.
- Pragmatism is called for.



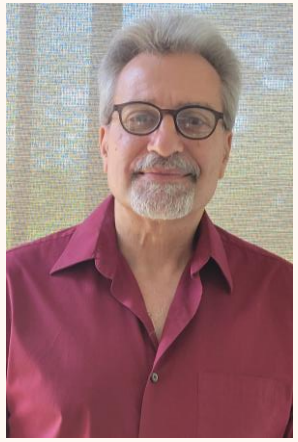
We can achieve net-zero but it will require a new mindset and approach.

How do we move forward?

Key points:

- **Climate science is relatively new and future outcomes cannot be predicted with certainty, but the science is still important.**
  - We wouldn't treat our own homes like we treat the planet and it's just plain stupid to continue polluting the earth when there is a viable alternative. Can we get a consensus of that?
- **The climate movement is overly focused on eliminating fossil fuels when the objective is to reduce carbon emissions.**
  - It is impossible (and impractical) to quickly and completely eliminate the fuels that power the entire world.
  - Achieving carbon reduction is not mutually exclusive with the continue (but declining use) of fossil fuels. We need a strategy consistent with that philosophy.
- **The complete elimination of fossil fuels has prompted a backlash that is counterproductive to achieving net-zero. This division will only serve to stall the transition.**
  - Compromise is called for (with a new strategy) that gets everyone pulling in the same direction. Otherwise, it will continue to be one step forward and two steps back.

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